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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated 22 January 2008, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-30). Applicant therefore withdraws, with traverse and without prejudice, claims 31-37.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.